# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR:

Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

**COUNCILORS:** 

Vincent Howell David L. Romero

Joey Herrera

Tonita Gurule-Giroń

ALSO PRESENT:

Elmer J. Martinez – City Manager

Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk Dave Romero – City Attorney

Juan Montano – Sergeant at Arms

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to remember those who had recently passed which were Erminio Garcia, Preston Garza, Sarah McWilliams, Dr. Kanode and several others. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. also stated that we should be thankful for the gift of life. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. congratulated Code Enforcement Officer Levy Lujan on the birth of his daughter.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes for July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that he had no reports at the time but advised that he would like to establish a Firing Range Sub Committee to oversee the operations of the Firing Range located in the Camp Luna area due to many issues of vandalism, and accumulation of debris in the area.

Police Chief Juan Montano explained that at the current time, waivers are being issued, providing the rules of the range but stated that there is no monitoring available, therefore allowing people to act in unacceptable behavior.

Police Chief Montano advised that Range Masters were working on a City Ordinance that would apply rules to be enforced at the Firing Range and informed that immediately after the previous clean-up of the Firing Range they experienced debris and vandalism on the property and having to replace several locks.

Police Chief Montano advised that the availability of Law Enforcement to patrol the area is limited and informed that a collaborative effort is being made with Luna Community College to develop and maintain the property, supply a security camera system as well as working on providing a facility for a Burn House to be utilized by Fire Department personnel.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that there were many issues to be addressed regarding liability, safety and the cost of operations for the Firing Range and added that City resources were limited and that it needed to address several major on-going issues within the City of Las Vegas. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that accessing funding from different agencies or organizations could be an option.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. appointed a 5 member committee to help in the efforts of maintaining the Firing Range to include:

Police Chief Juan Montano – Chairman Deputy Chief Juan Gonzales – Designee Councilor Tonita Gurule-Giroń Ann Marie Gallegos – Finance City Manager Elmer J. Martinez Pat Leahan – Community Member

Police Chief Montano advised that the ultimate goal would be to utilize the Firing Range as a training facility for the entire region.

Discussion took place of the vision of the successes that the Firing Range could possibly bring if accomplished, as regards to training and the benefit it would be to the economy as well as possibly being a self-sustaining facility.

Councilor Howell advised that Mr. Bruce McAllister had a great interest in the Firing Range, along with many great ideas and recommended him as an Alternate Community Member in the Firing Range Committee.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. agreed with Councilor Howell's recommendation to place Mr. Bruce McAllister as a Community Member Alternate.

Councilor Romero made the suggestion of having Police Officers present at the Firing Range.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that Police Chief Montano would be present and Commander Gonzales would be there as a designee.

Councilor Herrera informed that he was employed at Big R, which carries weapons and ammunition and added that they are approached with many customer requests for a Firing Range, due to wanting to utilize their weapons in a safe environment as well as customers interested in leasing the facility.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń thanked Mayor Ortiz, Jr. for her appointment to the Firing Range Committee and advised that she had been requesting for several years to initiate and repair the Fire Range, for the use of several children/youth programs, firing range competitions and training, which would generate revenue and benefit the community.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń thanked Police Chief Montano for moving forward in the long overdue recommendation regarding the Firing Range.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that with no objections, Bruce McAllister would be appointed as Alternate Community Member for the Firing Range Committee.

### MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

City Clerk Fresquez read a proclamation issuing the "Key to the City" to Charles Goddard and also recognizing Mr. Goddard's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that hunger is a big problem in New Mexico as well as world- wide and advised that City Clerk Fresquez would read the proclamation.

City Clerk Fresquez read the proclamation proclaiming that Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and the Governing Body supported Governor Susanna Martinez's Proclamation to "End Hunger in New Mexico", September 21<sup>st</sup> through September 25, 2015

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. discussed the overwhelming statics of New Mexicans and citizens in our own community affected by hunger and acknowledged how important it was to recognize these needs and encouraged the Governing Body to possibly attend the Hunger Summit held in Albuquerque on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None at this time.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Martinez advised that he and Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos and Public Works Director Martin Gonzales would make a presentation on the plans for the rehabilitation of the Recreation Center and advised that they have been working closely with WHPacific contractors.

City Manager Martinez informed that \$70,000.00 from insurance and \$96,000.00 from the Legislature was not enough to meet the needs of the cost for the Recreation Department repair and that it was urgent to identify a means for additional funding.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that an assessment of the Recreation Department Building was completed in October 2014 and added that the RFP was put out and awarded to WHPacific and advised that they recognized a need that required to be promptly addressed and informed that the engineer had previously made assessments and would return in a few days with his structural engineer to complete another assessment.

Finance Director Gallegos stated that they are finding ways to finance the entire project instead of going through phases to control existent significant damage to the building than what was already at hand.

Public Works Director Martin Gonzales informed that the damage to the Recreation Department roof occurred in April 2014 and advised that assessments

had been completed and advised that from the time of April to present the building has deteriorated due to outside elements, weather and birds as well.

Public Works Director Gonzales advised he completed a walk-through with WHPacific engineer and that they determined that there was possible mold, there was additional damage to the roof and advised that pigeons had moved in to the ventilating system.

Public Works Director Gonzales advised that he will be meeting with WHPacific structural and mechanical engineers to complete a walk-through and assess funding costs for the repairs needed.

Public Works Director Gonzales gave a brief overview of the breakdown of the schedule of construction time period and advised that an assessment of proposals and fees from WHPacific would be available on September 4<sup>th</sup>, and added that there would be a testing for mold which would be included in the proposal fees.

Public Works Director Gonzales advised that the project schedule plans were to be completed 50% by October 5th and informed that they were hopeful for 95% of plans to be completed right before Thanksgiving and for 100% completion of plans to fall between November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Public Works Director Gonzales stated that if things were going as planned, they would go out for bid on January 6<sup>th</sup> and a pre-bid would be set for January 14<sup>th</sup>, making it mandatory to those who applied for the bid, to attend a walk around of the building and advised that optimistically the bid opening would be scheduled for January 27<sup>th.</sup>

Public Works Director informed that a review would be completed by CID and stated that hopefully a notice to proceed would be out by March 7<sup>th</sup> for start of Phase I construction and that the estimated time for completion was 4-6 months and added that with anticipation, the Recreation Center and swimming pool would be open by September 2016.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked Public Works Director Gonzales what the cost of repairs would total.

City Manager Martinez advised Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and Council that in order to get to the work plan, identifying a funding source was needed and added that Finance Director Gallegos had been exploring some ideas therefore they needed the direction from Council regarding funding.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that after exploring the Capital Improvement Fund, informed that it was not generating as quickly as had hoped and added that one other alternative was to apply for an NMFA loan and explained that the total Phase I construction would amount to 2.5 million dollars which would be 20 year loan with a possible payment of between \$150,000.00 and \$160,000.00 a year and would come out of the State-shared GRT taxes.

Finance Director Gallegos informed that Phase II would cost \$1,100,000.00 and added that that amount was being set aside from Recreation Phase II therefore, would be available.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that at this time, this was very tentative and needed the direction from the Governing Body as to which route to take regarding Phase I construction in order to complete the Recreation Center and bring it back to its original structure.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that the Recreation Center had deteriorated even more with the prolonging of the repairs and felt that it was a good decision to go through NMFA for the funding.

Finance Director Gallegos explained that part of the application requirements from the NMFA would include a lot of the information and assessments already at hand and added that a Resolution to identify the resources would be brought to Council for authorization before moving forward with the application process.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń stated that this was a positive step in the right direction for the Recreation Center and the community and asked if it would be more economical to rebuild the Recreation Center rather than to refurbish.

Public Works Director Gonzales explained that it would be more economical to refurbish due to the fact of only having to replace three metal trusses on the structure which would not require tearing down the structure.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had several questions concerning the NMFA loan of the requirements to apply for the loan, future debt amount and what possible interest rate the loan would come with.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the information regarding the loan would be available as the Finance Department worked with NMFA and informed that this was a viable project. Finance Director Gallegos explained that both a 10 and 20 year schedule would be available for review from Council.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń stated that the GRTs had decreased and had not come in as projected and that her concern for the future and the future of the community was to be able to bring in the money projected to pay back the loan but added that the project was viable at the 2.5 million dollar amount.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that he would request an amortization table for a 10 and 20 year pay period regarding the loan amount.

Discussion took place on several different options on the best method of paying the loan amount.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that funds would be reserved immediately for the first payment on the loan and agreed to go with the 20 year loan with the anticipation to pay it off in 10 years.

Councilor Herrera had a concern regarding how it would affect the bonding capacity.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that it would not affect the bonding capacity.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if the City had to apply a certain percentage to the NMFA.

Finance Director Gallegos informed that the percentage still had to be determined but advised that \$200,000.00 funding was available towards the project to use for contingencies and stated that she felt comfortable with the decision and that the City could afford the 2.5 million loan with GRTs coming in at the eight percent.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had a concern of how the setting aside of money for the loan would impact the finances.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that there would be sacrifices made on the Capital Fund and added that monitoring funds for projects would take place and also the needs concerning those projects, such as Municipal Court and Museum and added that funding was available for that project and informed that they set aside every year and would continue to do that regarding the loan.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked for the status of the Municipal Court and Museum abatement.

Public Works Director Gonzales informed that they reported the abatement process with the New Mexico State Department and advised that they were in 3 days of a 10 day waiting period before the Public Facilities Department could perform any work that would take place in two weeks.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń questioned if the employees from those departments were moved from the facility.

City Manager Martinez advised that once the issues were identified, the employees were moved during the immediate abatement process and were now looking at the additional issues to ensure safety.

Councilor Howell asked how the loan for the Recreation Center Phase I, would affect acquiring Legislative funds this year.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that prolonging the project until February or March to find out if funding would be available through the Legislature would be too long to wait and would result in further deterioration therefore thought it was critical to request to apply for funding.

City Manager Martinez added that the deterioration of the Recreation Center was concerning and that they decided to take a more rapid approach to address the issues.

Discussion took place of the importance of getting the Recreation Center back to where it once was.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked who would be responsible of overseeing the scope of work projected by the engineers regarding the Recreation Center and added that she was hopeful of avoiding problems that had taken place in the past regarding changing the scope to accommodate the budget.

Public Works Director Martin Gonzales advised that he would be responsible for the overseeing of the project.

Discussion took place on several issues concerning the implementation of operations and maintenance at the Recreation Center, once the project would be completed.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that there were no objections from the Governing Body regarding the application for the loan for the Recreation Project Phase I.

City Manager Martinez added that the Senior Center received additional funding for the renovation from the New Mexico Aging & Long Term Services Department and needed to be added to the budget and advised that the NM State Local Government approved the budget amendment and issue notice to proceed and move forward with Senior Center renovation.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that he would be meeting with NM Local Government Director Rick Lopez addressing several issues and to thank him for being extremely helpful to the City of Las Vegas and staff.

### FINANCE BUDGET

Finance Director Gallegos presented the finance report ending July 31, 2015 collecting seven percent of revenues for the General Fund and advised that expenditures came in at eight percent as expected and advised that expenditures are reviewed daily.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that Recreation Department revenues came in at two percent due to a General Fund transfer of \$400,000.00 and advised that the expenditures were at thirteen percent due to summer program hires.

Finance Director Gallegos informed that the Enterprise Funds came in at seven percent due to low gas usage and the expenditures came in at two percent which is due to a lot of on-going projects.

Finance Director explained the process of the depreciation of items going to auction and clarified that the items on the auction list have reached full depreciation.

City Manager Martinez advised that the City of Las Vegas and Community Development Department staff was working with Highlands University regarding the welcome back festivities for students and added that the City was invited to participate in a hike up to Hermits Peak on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Out of State Travel for Paralegal to attend State Bar of New Mexico 2015 Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO September 30, 2015 thru October 2, 2015.
- 2. Approval for Out of State Travel Grants Administrator to attend the Financial Management Training Seminar in Washington, DC September 23, 2015 thru September 24, 2015.
- 3. Approval of Ratification on authorization for Out of State Travel.
- 4. Approval of Resolution No. 15-36, Sale of Obsolete Excess Property.

Resolution 15-36 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION 15-36 OBSOLETE EXCESS PROPERTY

**WHEREAS,** The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a need for disposition of items deemed unusable; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is proposing to auction, bid out and/or sell off obsolete equipment including items that have been fully depreciated, to include scrap metal, and dispose of other items deemed unusable; and

WHEREAS, a request will be submitted to Department of Finance and Administration for approval to auction, bid out and/or sell off surplus and obsolete equipment including scrap metal; and

WHEREAS, a notice of sale will be submitted to Office of the State Auditor for informational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the sale of identified surplus property will be held in FY 2015-2016; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the sale of obsolete equipment, scrap metal, and/or surplus equipment respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 19th day of	August, 2015.
	Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. Mayor
ATTEST:	
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk	
REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO I	LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:
Dave Romero, City Attorney	

5. Approval of Resolution No. 15-31 Rescinding Resolution No. 14-26 Duty Weapon Decommission Retirement Transaction.

Resolution 15-31 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION NO. 15-31

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 14-26 IN ITS ENTIRETY ENTITLED DUTY WEAPON DECOMMISSION RETIREMENET TRANSACTION.

**WHEREAS,** on May 20, 2015 the Governing Body passed and approve Resolution No. 14-26 Duty Weapon Decommission Retirement Transaction; and

WHEREAS, due to financial constraints, it is no longer financially feasible to relinquish City property and purchase replacements upon the retirement of each officer; and

WHEREAS, City of Las Vegas and Las Vegas City Police department will no longer decommission a Police Officer's primary duty weapon (side arm) upon his/her retirement and will not transfer it to him/her; and

<b>NOW, THEREFORE,</b> The Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas rescinds Resolution N 14-26.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day of, 2015.
Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.  ATTEST:
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:
Dave Romero, City Attorney

- 6. Approval to award bid No. 2016-01 for the Solid Waste Line Extension materials as a multiple source award to Baker Utility Supply and HD Waterworks.
- 7. Approval to award bid No. 2016-02 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Equipment installation project to low bidder Hays Plumbing and Heating.
- 8. Approval of Resolution No. 15-27 Abatement of nuisances located at 209 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Resolution 15-27 was presented as follows:

# CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION NO. <u>15-27</u>

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 209 9<sup>th</sup> STREET WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY RICHARD AND GENEVA RUBIO TO BE DANGEROUS, COVERED WITH RUINS, RUBBISH, WRECKAGE AND DEBRIS AND A NUISANCE REQUIRING ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, whenever any building or structure is ruined, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated building, structure or premises is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Council has received evidence from the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement as to the condition of a parcel of land

described herein, which are owned, occupied or controlled by Richard and Geneva Rubio, whose address is 209 9<sup>th</sup> St., according to the records at the San Miguel County Assessor's Office and described in said records as "Subdivision 1612 Rosenwald Blk 2" (property code # 1-095-092-131-441-181.

WHEREAS, the property is a public nuisance and the premises are a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety of the community and is in violation of City of Las Vegas Ordinance 301 Sections 6 Nuisance Declared; Littering (A); Unsanitary Premises (B); Hazardous Premises (C); Accumulation of Solid Waste (D). Items stored on the premises and visible from the public right of way in violations of City ordinances include but are not limited to glass, nails, screws, papers, fiberglass, tin, wood pellets, boards, plastic, particle board, weeds, dead branches, and a burnt structure. Walls on the building are deteriorating, collapsing and is in danger of falling unto city streets and neighbors properties.

WHEREAS, the City has posted 2 Certified Red Tags on the Property in plain view of the side walk notifying of the violation on the property. Certified mail was also sent out twice to the property owners noted above. Certified Mail was later returned yet opened.

WHEREAS, proper notices served upon certified mail and on the property included: a Red Tag Notice of Violation on June 3, 2015; a Notice of Pending Abatement on June 17, 2015. In the face of these notices, the nuisances remain and continue to pose a hazard to health, welfare, and safety of the public. Both Red Tags allowed for 10 days to correct the violations noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico does hereby resolve:

A. That the above described parcel of land is a nuisance pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and requires abatement as follows: All trailers, wreckage, rubbish and debris as described above and any other materials in violation of the Ordinance described above shall be removed from the property and properly disposed of.

B. The City shall serve a copy of this resolution on the owner, occupant or agent, including Richard and Geneva Rubio, in charge of the premises as shown by the records of the County Assessors. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises cannot be served within the municipality, a copy of the resolution shall be posted on the building, structure or premises and a copy of the resolution shall be published one time.

C. Thereafter, and within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution or of the posting and publishing of a copy of the resolution, the owner occupant or agent, in charge of the building, structure or premises shall commence removing the ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris or file a written objection with the Municipal Clerk asking for a

hearing before the governing body of the City of Las Vegas. .

- D. That if a written objection is filed, the Governing Body shall follow the provisions as set forth of 3-18-5 D. NMSA 1978; fix a date for a hearing in its resolution and objection; consider all evidence for and against the removal resolution at the hearing; and determine if its resolution should be enforced or rescinded.
- E. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the governing body may appeal to the district court by: giving notice of appeal to the governing body within 5 days after the determination made by the governing body; filing a petition in the district court within twenty days after the determination made by the governing body. The district court shall hear the matter de novo and enter judgment in accordance with its findings.
- F. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises fails to commence removing the ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris as provided under NMSA 3-18-5 F, the municipality may remove ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris at the cost and expense of the owner. The reasonable cost of removal shall constitute a lien against the building, structure, ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris so removed and against the lots or parcels of land from which it was removed. The lien shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in sections 3-36-1 through 3-36-6 NMSA 1978.
- F. The municipality may pay for the costs of removal of any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris by granting to the person removing such materials, the legal title to all salvageable materials in lieu of all other compensation.
- H. Any person or firm removing any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris shall leave the premises from which the material has been removed in a clean, level and safe condition, suitable for further occupancy or construction and with all excavations filled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _	DAY OF	2015
Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr, Mayor		
ATTEST:		
Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk		
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:		
Dave Romero City Attorney		

9. Approval of Resolution No.15-33 Abatement of nuisances located at 1600 New Mexico Avenue.

Resolution 15-33 was presented as follows:

# CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION NO. <u>15-33</u>

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 1600 NEW MEXICO AVENUE WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY TONY ORTEGA TO BE DANGEROUS, COVERED WITH RUBBISH, WRECKAGE, WEEDS, AND DEBRIS AND A NUISANCE REQUIRING ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, whenever any building or structure is ruined, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated building, structure or premises is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Council has received evidence from the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement as to the condition of a parcel of land described herein, which are owned, occupied or controlled by Tony Ortega, whose address is P.O. Box 1060 Las Vegas NM, according to the records at the San Miguel County Assessor's Office and described in said records as "1406 Otero y Seller Tr 5 Lt 6 Blk B" (property code #1-094-092-295-397-172).

WHEREAS, the property is a public nuisance and the premises are a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety of the community and is in violation of City of Las Vegas Ordinance 301 Section 6, Nuisance Declared; Unsanitary Premises (B); Weeds, brush, and briars on the premises are visible from the public right of way in violations of City ordinances include but are not limited to branches, Chinese elms, and weeds in excess of 4 inches.

WHEREAS, the City has sent 2 Official Red Tags certified mail to the property owner, Tony Ortega (Property owner as per County Assessors). The city has also posted both Official Red Tags on the property in plain view from the sidewalk.

WHEREAS, proper notices served upon certified mail and on the property included: a Red Tag Notice of Violation on June 29, 2015; a Notice of Pending Abatement on July 9, 2015. In the face of these notices, the owner has allowed the nuisances to remain and continues to maintain rubbish, wreckage, weeds, and debris on the premises. Both Red Tags allowed for 10 days to correct the violations noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico does hereby resolve:

A. That the above described parcel of land is a nuisance pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and requires abatement as follows: All rubbish, weeds, trees, dead trees, wreckage, and any other

materials in violation of the Ordinance describe above shall be removed from the property and properly disposed of.

- B. The City shall serve a copy of this resolution to the owner, occupant or agent, including Tony Ortega, in charge of the premises as shown by the records of the County Assessors. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises cannot be served within the municipality, a copy of the resolution shall be posted on the building, structure or premises and a copy of the resolution shall be published one time.
- C. Thereafter, and within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution or of the posting and publishing of a copy of the resolution, the owner occupant or agent, in charge of the building, structure or premises shall commence removing the ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris or file a written objection with the Municipal Clerk asking for a hearing before the governing body of the City of Las Vegas. .
- D. That if a written objection is filed, the Governing Body shall follow the provisions as set forth of 3-18-5 D. NMSA 1978; fix a date for a hearing in its resolution and objection; consider all evidence for and against the removal resolution at the hearing; and determine if its resolution should be enforced or rescinded.
- E. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the governing body may appeal to the district court by: giving notice of appeal to the governing body within 5 days after the determination made by the governing body; filing a petition in the district court within twenty days after the determination made by the governing body. The district court shall hear the matter de novo and enter judgment in accordance with its findings.
- F. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises fails to commence removing the ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris as provided under NMSA 3-18-5 F, the municipality may remove ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris at the cost and expense of the owner. The reasonable cost of removal shall constitute a lien against the building, structure, ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris so removed and against the lots or parcels of land from which it was removed. The lien shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in sections 3-36-1 through 3-36-6 NMSA 1978.
- F. The municipality may pay for the costs of removal of any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris by granting to the person removing such materials, the legal title to all salvageable materials in lieu of all other compensation.
- H. Any person or firm removing any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris shall leave the premises from which the material has been removed in a clean, level and safe condition, suitable for further occupancy or construction and with all excavations filled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	2015
Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr, Mayor		

ATTEST:	
Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk	
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:	
David Romero, City Attorney	

10. Approval of Resolution No. 15-34 Abatement of nuisances located at 410 Union Street.

Resolution 15-34 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION NO. <u>15-34</u>

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 410 UNION STREET WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY ERMINIO GARCIA TO BE DANGEROUS, COVERED WITH RUBBISH, WRECKAGE, WEEDS, AND DEBRIS AND A NUISANCE REQUIRING ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, whenever any building or structure is ruined, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated building, structure or premises is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Council has received evidence from the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement as to the condition of a parcel of land described herein, which are owned, occupied or controlled by Erminio Garcia, whose address is P.O. Box 1896 Las Vegas NM, according to the records at the San Miguel County Assessor's Office and described in said records as "1811 Town of Las Vegas Blk 28" (property code # 1-094-092-519-035-23).

WHEREAS, the property is a public nuisance and the premises are a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety of the community and is in violation of City of Las Vegas Ordinance 301 Section 6, Nuisance Declared; Unsanitary Premises (B); Outdoor Vehicle Storage (G); and Ordinance 377 Section 28 (Responsibility of property owner to maintain adjacent right of way) Weeds, brush, and briars on the premises and right-of-way (alley) are visible from the public right of way in violations of City ordinances include but are not limited to branches, Chinese elms, and weeds in excess of 4 inches. Other violations of City ordinance include but are not limited to Inoperable trucks, and parts to vehicleson the property.

WHEREAS, the City has sent 2 Official Red Tags certified mail to the property owner,

Erminio Garcia (Property owner as per County Assessors). The city has also posted both Official Red Tags on the property in plain view from the sidewalk. A Letter of Extension was also sent out July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 giving an extra ten days to come into compliance.

WHEREAS, proper notices served upon certified mail and on the property included: a Red Tag Notice of Violation on June 9, 2015; a Notice of Pending Abatement on June 29, 2015. Letter of Extension July 9, 2015, In the face of these notices, the owner has allowed the nuisances to remain and continues to maintain rubbish, wreckage, weeds, and debris on the premises. Both Red Tags allowed for 10 days to correct the violations noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico does hereby resolve:

- A. That the above described parcel of land is a nuisance pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and requires abatement as follows: All rubbish, weeds, trees, dead trees, wreckage, inoperable vehicles, and any other materials in violation of the Ordinance describe above shall be removed from the property and properly disposed of.
- B. The City shall serve a copy of this resolution to the owner, occupant or agent, including Erminio Garcia, in charge of the premises as shown by the records of the County Assessors. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises cannot be served within the municipality, a copy of the resolution shall be posted on the building, structure or premises and a copy of the resolution shall be published one time.
- C. Thereafter, and within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution or of the posting and publishing of a copy of the resolution, the owner occupant or agent, in charge of the building, structure or premises shall commence removing the ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris or file a written objection with the Municipal Clerk asking for a hearing before the governing body of the City of Las Vegas.
- D. That if a written objection is filed, the Governing Body shall follow the provisions as set forth of 3-18-5 D. NMSA 1978; fix a date for a hearing in its resolution and objection; consider all evidence for and against the removal resolution at the hearing; and determine if its resolution should be enforced or rescinded.
- E. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the governing body may appeal to the district court by: giving notice of appeal to the governing body within 5 days after the determination made by the governing body; filing a petition in the district court within twenty days after the determination made by the governing body. The district court shall hear the matter de novo and enter judgment in accordance with its findings.
- F. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises fails to commence removing the ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris as provided under NMSA 3-18-5 F, the municipality may remove ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris at the cost and

expense of the owner. The reasonable cost of removal shall constitute a lien against the building, structure, ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris so removed and against the lots or parcels of land from which it was removed. The lien shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in sections 3-36-1 through 3-36-6 NMSA 1978.

F. The municipality may pay for the costs of removal of any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris by granting to the person removing such materials, the legal title to all salvageable materials in lieu of all other compensation.

H. Any person or firm removing any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris shall leave the premises from which the material has been removed in a clean, level and safe condition, suitable for further occupancy or construction and with all excavations filled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	 2015
Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr, Mayor		
ATTEST:		
Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:	_	
David Romero, City Attorney	<del></del> -	

11. Resolution No. 15-35 Abatement of nuisances located at 310 Cumbres Patio.

Resolution 15-35 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION NO. <u>15-35</u>

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 310 CUMBRES PATIO WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY DONELLA & BERNABE SANCHEZ TO BE DANGEROUS, COVERED WITH RUBBISH, WRECKAGE, WEEDS, AND DEBRIS AND A NUISANCE REQUIRING ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, whenever any building or structure is ruined, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated building, structure or premises is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Council has received evidence from the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement as to the condition of a parcel of land described herein, which are owned, occupied or controlled by Donella & Bernabe Sanchez, whose address is 310 Cumbres Patio Las Vegas NM, according to the records at the San

Miguel County Assessor's Office and described in said records as "1618 Romero Estates Tr 6" (property code # 1-095-092-379-364-117).

WHEREAS, the property is a public nuisance and the premises are a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety of the community and is in violation of City of Las Vegas Ordinance 301 Section 6, Nuisance Declared; Unsanitary Premises (B); Weeds, brush, and briars on the premises are visible from the public right of way in violations of City ordinances include but are not limited to branches, Chinese elms, and weeds in excess of 4 inches.

WHEREAS, the City has sent 2 Official Red Tags certified mail to the property owner, Donella & Bernabe Sanchez (Property owner as per County Assessors). The city has also posted both Official Red Tags on the property in plain view from the sidewalk. First Official Red tag was taken down.

WHEREAS, proper notices served upon certified mail and on the property included: a Red Tag Notice of Violation on June 9, 2015; a Notice of Pending Abatement on June 29, 2015. In the face of these notices, the owner has allowed the nuisances to remain and continues to maintain rubbish, wreckage, weeds, and debris on the premises. Both Red Tags allowed for 10 days to correct the violations noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico does hereby resolve:

- A. That the above described parcel of land is a nuisance pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and requires abatement as follows: All weeds, trees, dead trees and any other materials in violation of the Ordinance describe above shall be removed from the property and properly disposed of.
- B. The City shall serve a copy of this resolution to the owner, occupant or agent, including Donella & Bernabe Sanchez, in charge of the premises as shown by the records of the County Assessors. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises cannot be served within the municipality, a copy of the resolution shall be posted on the building, structure or premises and a copy of the resolution shall be published one time.
- C. Thereafter, and within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution or of the posting and publishing of a copy of the resolution, the owner occupant or agent, in charge of the building, structure or premises shall commence removing the ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris or file a written objection with the Municipal Clerk asking for a hearing before the governing body of the City of Las Vegas.
- D. That if a written objection is filed, the Governing Body shall follow the provisions as set forth of 3-18-5 D. NMSA 1978; fix a date for a hearing in its resolution and objection; consider all evidence for and against the removal resolution at the hearing; and determine

if its resolution should be enforced or rescinded.

- E. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the governing body may appeal to the district court by: giving notice of appeal to the governing body within 5 days after the determination made by the governing body; filing a petition in the district court within twenty days after the determination made by the governing body. The district court shall hear the matter de novo and enter judgment in accordance with its findings.
- F. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises fails to commence removing the ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris as provided under NMSA 3-18-5 F, the municipality may remove ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris at the cost and expense of the owner. The reasonable cost of removal shall constitute a lien against the building, structure, ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris so removed and against the lots or parcels of land from which it was removed. The lien shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in sections 3-36-1 through 3-36-6 NMSA 1978.
- F. The municipality may pay for the costs of removal of any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris by granting to the person removing such materials, the legal title to all salvageable materials in lieu of all other compensation.
- H. Any person or firm removing any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris shall leave the premises from which the material has been removed in a clean, level and safe condition, suitable for further occupancy or construction and with all excavations filled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF		2015
Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr, Mayor	n eg		
ATTEST:			
Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk			
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:			
David Romero, City Attorney			
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Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as read into the record. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera Yes David L. Romero Yes Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes Vincent Howell Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval of application requesting a New Restaurant (Beer & Wine Only) for Pino's Restaurant, located at 1901 Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701, Application #953957.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent HowellYesJoey HerreraYesTonita Gurule-GirońYesDavid L. RomeroYes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Dave Romero asked anyone who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Casandra Fresquez was sworn in.

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez advised that an application for a New Restaurant (Beer & Wine Only) Liquor License was submitted by Pino's Restaurant Inc. for 1901 Grand Avenue. City Clerk Fresquez added that Pino's Restaurant currently had a liquor license although owner Donald Pino had submitted for a new liquor license in order to become incorporated and advised that zoning and publishing requirements had been met.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to close Public Hearing and to accept the record proper. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero Yes Joey Herrera Yes Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes Vincent Howell Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to reconvene to Regular Session. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following: Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes Joey Herrera Yes Vincent Howell Yes David L. Romero Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve application requesting a New Restaurant (Beer & Wine Only) for Pino's Restaurant, located at 1901 Grand Avenue, Las Vega, NM 87701, Application #953957. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero Yes Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes Joey Herrera Yes Vincent Howell Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #15-37, 2017-2021 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Las Vegas.

Public Works Project Manager Chris Cavazos advised that the Department of Finance, Local Government Division recommends that municipalities prepare and submit an ICIP in order to plan the systematic allocation of funds and also enable the Executive Branch of State Government to propose a rationale ICIP to the Legislature for funding.

Public Works Project Manager Cavazos read the top five projects regarding the prioritization on the 2017-2021 ICIP which included:

- 1. Bradner Dam Expansion
- 2. Abe Montoya Recreation Center Improvements
- 3. Raw Water Conveyance
- 4. Peterson Dam Rehabilitation
- 5. Groundwater Treatment and Production

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked questions regarding the amount of streets that had been paved under the Rocky Road contract.

Public Works Director Gonzales advised that Encino and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets had been paved under contract.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if the Streets Department anticipated any more projects at this time.

Public Works Director Gonzales advised that the purchase order had already been exhausted and added that all the material ordered had been used.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve of Resolution #15-37, 2017-2021 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-37 was presented as follows:

### CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NM RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 37

### A Resolution adopting and Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

WHEREAS, the municipality of Las Vegas recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a major concern in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in times of scarce resources, it is necessary to find new financing mechanisms and maximize the use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan is the mechanism that is utilized to define needs, establish priorities and pursue viable actions and strategies to achieve necessary project development; and

**WHEREAS**, this process contributes to local and regional efforts in project identification selection in short and long range capital planning efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it and it hereby is resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Vegas that:

- 1. The City of Las Vegas has adopted the attached Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, and
- 2. It is intended that the plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving, rational, long-range planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure, and
- 3. This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 14-59.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND AI	OOPTED this day of, 2015.	
	CITY OF LAS VEGAS	
ATTEST:	MAYOR	
CASANDRA FRESQUEZ, CITY O	LERK	
DAVE ROMERO, CITY ATTORM (for legal sufficiency only)	EY	
Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll ca following:	II. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the	
Vincent Howell Yes Joey Herrera Yes		Yes Yes
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the	motion and advised the motion carried.	
3. Approval/Disapproval of Res	colution 15-39 Transportation Grant.	
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Community Services Director Philip Ortiz took the opportunity to introduce Transportation Manager Marcelino Roybal and advised that a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation Transit and Rail Division for a public rural transportation grant was being presented.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions regarding the sole purpose of the use of the grant and asked for the amount of current drivers at the Transportation Department.

Community Services Director Ortiz advised that the grant would be used for administrative and operations costs of the Transportation Department and informed that there were currently three drivers and had presently advertised for a fourth driver.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve of Resolution 15-39 Transportation Grant. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-39 was presented as follows:

### CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Resolution No. 15-39

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT AND RAIL DIVISION FOR A PUBLIC RURAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas Transportation Service – Meadow City Express was designated a public rural transportation system in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time the City of Las Vegas – Meadow City Express has applied for New Mexico Department of Transportation – Transit and Rail monies (Administrative, Operating and Capital) on an annual basis to operate Meadow City Express, a Public Rural Transportation system in Las Vegas, New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas – Meadow City Express intends to submit an application for FY 2017 Section 5311 Public Transportation Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas Governing Body, intends to continue to support the management and operation of the City's public transportation service – Meadow City Express; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is willing to commit funding in FY 2017 to include its local share in administrative and operating costs for the service; and

WHEREAS, the application is due September 4, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS that the City of Las Vegas hereby authorizes the submittal of an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation Transit and Rail Division for a Section 5311 Public Rural Transportation Grant.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Governing Body at its meeting of August \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr., Mayor

#### ATTEST

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera

Yes

David L. Romero

Yes

Vincent Howell

Yes

Vincent Howell

Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

4. Approval/Disapproval for authorization of out of state travel to Golden, Colorado.

Police Chief Juan Montano advised that the Police Department will need to pick up a utility vehicle in Golden, Colorado, which will be used in drug operations and will also be utilized for disaster relief and search and rescue and added that it was granted by the US Government to be picked up by August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had a concern regarding retaining the vehicle and asked if the vehicle would be given back after its use.

Chief of Police Montano advised that the vehicle was considered a military vehicle and would likely go back to the Government, if needed and added that it was not considered City property but would have the opportunity to utilize the vehicle in the meantime.

Councilor Howell had a question pertaining to the condition of the vehicle.

Chief of Police Montano informed that usually surplus vehicles didn't have many miles on them; the hours of use were very low and explained that the vehicle was in good condition.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve for authorization of out of stated travel to Golden, Colorado. Councilor Herrera and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent HowellYesJoey HerreraYesDavid L. RomeroYesTonita Gurule-GirońYes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

Councilor Romero wanted to address a concern pertaining to many weeds on a property on Chavez and Alamo Streets.

Councilor Howell commented on the Reader Board environment, needing some landscaping attention and also wanted to make a personal statement, informing the Governing Body and the public that he would be undergoing open-heart surgery and advised that he would be recovering well and would be back in about 4-8 weeks.

Councilor Herrera wished Councilor Howell the best in his upcoming surgery.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. reminded Councilor Howell that his health was most important and to focus on his health, family and his well being.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń expressed best wishes and her prayers to Councilor Howell.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń wanted to thank the City staff and Public Works Director Gonzales for the utilizing the asphalt on Encino and Dahlia Streets and added that the complaints of the weeds around the City was a great concern.

City Manager Martinez advised that the Code Enforcement Officer was addressing the vast concern of the weeds throughout the City.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. reported that he was proud of the City of Las Vegas staff on all that was being accomplished with limited financial resources and added that gross receipt tax increases didn't take place this year but advised that the tax increase would inevitably take place at some point and time and praised the City for their efforts in cutting costs to enable the City of Las Vegas to move forward.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. acknowledged his appreciation to the Governing Body for successfully working together.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Manager Martinez advised that there was a need to go into Executive Session to discuss laboring negotiations.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to go in to Executive Session to have discussion pertaining to laboring negotiations. Councilor Romero seconded the

motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent HowellYesTonita Gurule-GirońYesJoey HerreraYesDavid L. RomeroYes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene to Regular session and advised that no action was taken, no votes were made and only matters of personnel were discussed. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes Vincent Howell Yes Joey Herrera Yes David L. Romero Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **ADJOURN**

ATTEST:

Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera Yes Vincent Howell Yes Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes David L. Romero Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk